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Docket No.: 2094/1E286-US1

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In re Application of: Jeffrey M. LINNEN and Kevin M. GORMAN

Serial No.: 09/493,353 Art Unit: 1655

Filed: January 28, 2000 Examiner: J. Goldberg

For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PRIMERS FOR EFFICIENT DETECTION OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

This is a petition to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2001 in the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the time period for responding to the Office Action be extended for one month, from JULY 19, 2001 up to and including MONDAY,

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Respectfully submitted,

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